

Tisbury Documents

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Area B4 - Tisbury and West Tisbury

Letters and other documents

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1	Extract from Tisbury PC e-mail 6 July 2014	6/7/14
2	Extract from West Tisbury PC e-mail 22 October 2015	22/10/14
3	Letter from Mr J Pope 18 May 2010	18/5/10
4	Letter from West Tisbury PC 8 March 2014	8/3/14
5	Map to accompany extract from e-mail from West Tisbury PC 22 October 2015	22/10/15
6	Notes of Tisbury fact finding meeting 19 November 2014	19/11/14
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Summary of e-mails received

No.	From	Date	For / Against
1	Mrs T Austreng	30/6/14	Against merger

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Dear John

Tisbury P. Cllrs informally discussed the potential changes, but as I thought, there was no definite proposal mooted and each councillor was asked to send their thoughts to me by Friday last.

As I did not receive any comments I will put the issue on the August agenda, but I think this will be too late for you to feed back.

I can give you insight into previous discussion - but this would be my personal view of what was said, but does boil down into 2 key issues:

- a. Tisbury village is a very different environment to that of the surrounding area - it has a car park, public toilets, swim pool, sports centre, High St shops etc., i.e. it is urban in nature and the precept reflects this. Residents in the surrounding much more rural environment pay the same council tax as the vast majority of Tisbury residents, but without the immediate facilities.
- b. The proposal to amalgamate the 2 parishes would combine more rural homes into the mix and did not find favour; however the *potential* for a Tisbury PC and a Tisbury Without PC could be considered more logical.

As a third point, the boundary between the 2 parishes broadly follows natural geographic features such as the Oddford Brook. This may well have been logical in the past, but now further houses have been built on the outskirts of Tisbury village so that the boundary passes between houses on the same development - an anomaly and confusing to residents who sometimes turn up at meetings not knowing that they live in West Tisbury and not Tisbury. Look at Springfield Gardens in West Tisbury with St John's Close/Brook Close in Tisbury; also The Mallards, Castle Mount and High View - all in West Tisbury.

Perhaps you would let me know if you still wish a more formal response following the August 4th meeting.

best wishes,
sandra

from Mrs S. Harry - Clerk to Tisbury Parish Council

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Dear John

Thank you for your email. I am responding on behalf of both West Tisbury and Tisbury Parish Councils following discussion with Sandra.

As per our previous correspondence, the two councils had prepared an option for a review of the boundary, which would essentially move the more rural parts of the parish from Tisbury to West Tisbury and the more urban parts of the parish from West Tisbury to Tisbury.

I attach a map demonstrating the suggested changes and list for you below the detail behind that.

Tisbury residences to West Tisbury:

Ansty - 1

Chicksgrove - 12 (but keeping Chicksgrove Lane – SP3 6LU –4 – these are Tisbury side of the cemetery)

Jobbers Lane – 1

Squalls Lane – 10

Tisbury SP3 6NZ/6SG – 3 (Lower Lawn House / Nadder Barn / Meadow Cottage)

Tisbury Row – 27

Wardour – 55 Total = 109

West Tisbury residences to Tisbury:

Springfield Park - 23

The Mallards - 9

Monmouth Road - 26

High View Close - 26

Castle Mount – 24 Total = 108

I trust that this provides you with the necessary information however, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or clarification.

Kind regards

Nicola Duke

Parish Clerk

For and on behalf of

West Tisbury Parish Council

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Steve Milton Esq.
Head of Community Governance
Wiltshire Unitary Authority.

Tuesday, 18 May 2010.

Dear Steve Milton,

TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL and
WEST TISBURY PARISH COUNCIL.

I was delighted to read in the Draft Minutes of the Tisbury PC that there seemed to be some sort of a dialogue running concerning local Governance.

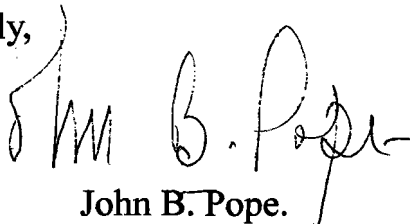
As a Tisbury Resident I would like to see Tisbury Village as but one Civil Parish, with but the one Parish Council, and one Parish Clerk, and with fewer Parish Councillors than now hold office under the two Parish System. At my last count West Tisbury fielded one councillor for every fifty electors. An amalgamated single ward Parish would need to find fewer Councillors, thereby increasing the chances of holding an election in 2013. For near eighteen years Tisbury Parish wont have had an Election, because it never had a sufficiency of candidates to precipitate one, but there is a need for us to elect our own Councillors rather than have them happen upon us.

Tisbury Village is no longer a 'one horse town', and the expansion of Gillingham will affect us too. There's no merit in retaining our status quo. When I informally raised the matter of amalgamation before a Tisbury Parish Council Meeting at the time of the last Unitary Authority Election, the only Parish Councillor against amalgamation was the West Tisbury Parish Clerk, who 'moonlights' as a Tisbury Parish Councillor. West Tisbury continuously wishes to be consulted about, and be involved in Tisbury's Governance, but resists any suggestion of

amalgamation. One receives the impression that apart from hurt susceptibilities all that West Tisbury has against amalgamation is its reluctance to contribute to the cost of those facilities that Tisbury alone pays for. It is time for change!

Whilst not sure whether you are the right man to put the proposition to, I wish to propose that from the date of the next election which I understand should be in 2013, the Parishes of Tisbury and West Tisbury become one single ward Parish, governed by a single Parish Council of circa a dozen Councillors.

Yours sincerely,

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John B. Pope.

West Tisbury Parish Council
c/o Post Office House, High St, Tisbury, SP3 6LD

8 March 2014

John Watling
Wiltshire Council

Dear Mr Watling

GOVERNANCE & BOUNDARY REVIEWS

Thank you for letting W Tisbury Parish Council have sight of Cllr Tonge's paper on Parish & Town Council Grant Options. The Councillors have asked me to respond as follows:

We note that suggestions were invited on boundaries and potential amalgamations.

It could be argued that superficially, there is a case to amalgamate this council with that of Tisbury; clearly the village of Tisbury, based around the use of its railway station, does act as a centre of gravity for this whole area of SW Wiltshire. This certainly also encompasses Hindon, the Fonthills, Chilmark, Fovant, Chicksgrove, Ansty, Swallowcliffe, Wardour, the Donheads, Semley and E Knoyle and, arguably, the Teffonts and Dinton. The attraction is clear. Tisbury, with its varied range of retail businesses, including a busy Post Office, medical and dental facilities and social, educational and religious entities, provides by far the largest centre within that area, limited only by its relatively poor road links and parking. It is also highly likely that the attractiveness of the village to residents of surrounding parishes will only grow with the completion of Tisbury Community Campus. The majority of residents in these surrounding areas will have an interest in maintaining the viability of Tisbury.

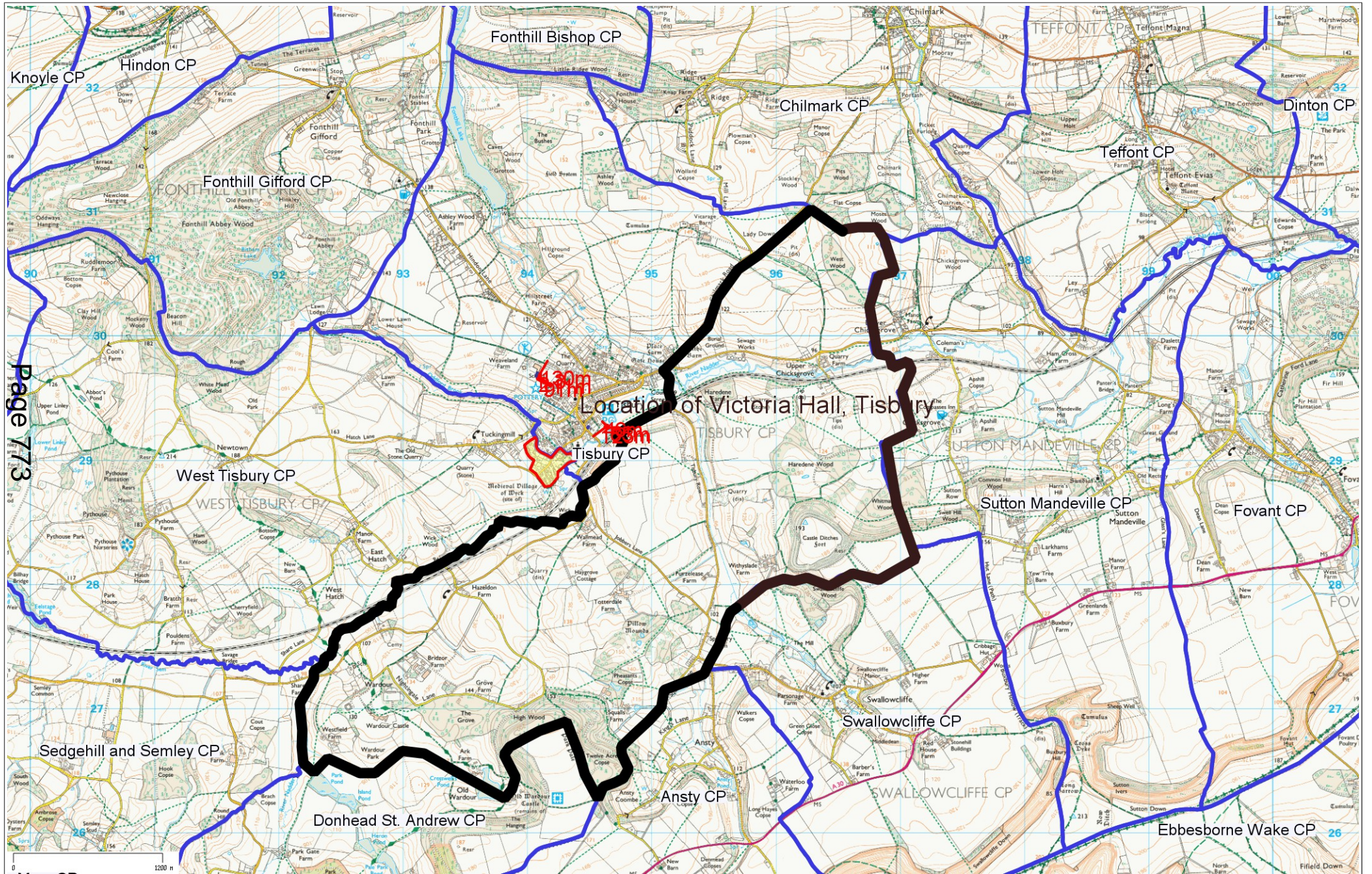
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Yours sincerely

Sent by email

Janet Amos
Clerk to the Council

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WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

NOTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2014 AT ALAMEIN SUITE - CITY HALL, MALTHOUSE LANE, SALISBURY, SP2 7TU.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian West and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Sandra Harry – Tisbury
Patrick Duffy – Tisbury
John Berkley-Mathews – Tisbury
Nigel Noyle – West Tisbury

Ian Gibbons – Associate Director Legal & Governance
John Watling – Head of Electoral Services
Paul Taylor – Senior Solicitor
Jessica Croman – Democratic Services Officer

42 **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman, Councillor Stuart Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the Working Group introduced themselves to those in attendance.

43 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

44 **Purpose and Procedures of the meeting**

Working

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to meet and hear from those affected by the proposed boundary changes.

45 **Parish Proposals (10 Minutes each)**

Patrick Duffy, Chairman of Tisbury town council, noted that Tisbury had not initiated the review, which had already been a long standing proposal.

Tisbury put forward their views on the review highlighting three options they had considered;

- 1) Split the Parishes into Tisbury within and Tisbury without
- 2) Correct the anomalies around the boundary lines
- 3) Merge both parishes together

Tisbury views included:

- Tisbury is a much larger area than West Tisbury
- Different focus of the parishes – Village/ rural
- Minor cost saving
- Merging would create simplified communication
- Presently Tisbury struggle to get Cllrs, merging would give to more competition and attract more quality.
- The services in Tisbury are equally used by West Tisbury although the precept is different.

46 **Parish Responses (5 Minutes each)**

West Tisbury was against a full merge noting that the Hamlets may be lost or unrepresented and noted that most communities associated themselves to be in West Tisbury other than a housing estate which had been identified as an anomaly.

The working party Members asked questions about the anomalies and populations and it was noted that West Tisbury's population would increase slightly.

Due to the new ideas emerging out of the meeting, It was agreed that Tisbury and West Tisbury should discuss their proposals further and produce maps for the working party in reasonable time. It was noted that if the working party did not hear from them then the scheme would be pushed into the next cycle.

47 **Consultation**

The consultation arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that Wiltshire Council would send the letters to the Parishes for distribution to the areas that would be affected for their views.

48 **Any other business**

49 **Close**

(Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 2.30 pm)

The Officer who has produced these minutes is Jessica Croman, of Democratic Services, direct line , e-mail

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18th June 2015

J. Watling Esq.
Deputy Returning Officer and Head of Electoral Services
Wiltshire Council
(by email)

Dear Mr Watling,

Potential Boundary Change between Tisbury and West Tisbury Parishes

Further to our meeting in December 2014 and subsequent emailed information, Tisbury and West Tisbury Parish Councils have liaised, mostly through the Parish Clerks, and discussed at some length a potential solution that involves swapping post code areas to make a better distinction between the semi-urban and rural nature of the 2 parishes; the detail of the swap is available if required.

However, although Tisbury Parish Councillors were 'supportive' of the potential post code swap, they agreed (on a majority vote) that a merger of the 2 parishes would be preferable.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sandra Harry - Clerk to Tisbury Parish Council

c.c. Councillor Tony Deane

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5th July 2014

Mr J Watling
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By email

Dear Mr Watling

Community Governance Review

I am writing in response to the information sent to the Parish Council regarding a proposal to merge Tisbury and West Tisbury Parish Councils. This issue was debated at a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3 July 2014.

Following discussion the Chairman and members resolved to reject the proposals for any merger with Tisbury Parish Council and to re-iterate the Council's response to the original proposal. I copy for you below the relevant extract from the draft minutes:

*d) Community Governance Review – information had been received from Wiltshire Council and circulated to members. The Clerk read out the parish council's previous response to the proposal that West Tisbury and Tisbury Parish Councils be amalgamated. Following debate it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Noyle, **SECONDED** by Cllr Little and:*

***RESOLVED:** That West Tisbury Parish Council rejects the proposal to merge West Tisbury and Tisbury Parish Councils and re-iterates its original response to Wiltshire Council.*

The original response to the proposal was quoted in your letter however, I copy it below for convenience:

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The next meeting of the parish council is on Thursday 4th September 2014 and I would be pleased to pass on your response/comments to the members at that meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

Nicola Duke
Parish Clerk
For and on behalf of
West Tisbury Parish Council

cc Cllr Tony Deane (by email)

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17th June 2015

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By email

Dear Mr Watling

Community Governance Review

I am writing in respect of the Community Governance Review. This issue has been widely and fully debated by West Tisbury Parish Council and a number of discussions have taken place with Tisbury Parish Council.

Following these discussions the Parish Council has now resolved its position in respect of the options for the review. I am directed by the Chairman and members of the Parish Council to inform you of the resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the PC held on 4th June 2015. I copy for you below the relevant extract from the minutes:


Community Governance Review – Members debated the options for a review of the boundaries in Tisbury and West Tisbury. It was proposed by Cllr Little, seconded by Cllr Matthews and:

RESOLVED: *That following extensive discussions the preference of West Tisbury Parish Council would be to relocate the more urban areas of the parish to Tisbury Parish Council with West Tisbury Parish Council taking responsibility for the rural areas. This would better reflect the differing nature of the parish councils whilst ensuring that neither parish suffered any financial disadvantage.*

The next meeting of the parish council is on Thursday 2nd July 2015 and I would be pleased to pass on your response/comments and any update as to the Community Governance Review process to the members at that meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely

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Nicola Duke
Parish Clerk
For and on behalf of
West Tisbury Parish Council

Cc Cllr Tony Deane (by email)
Sandra Harry, Clerk to Tisbury Parish Council (by email)

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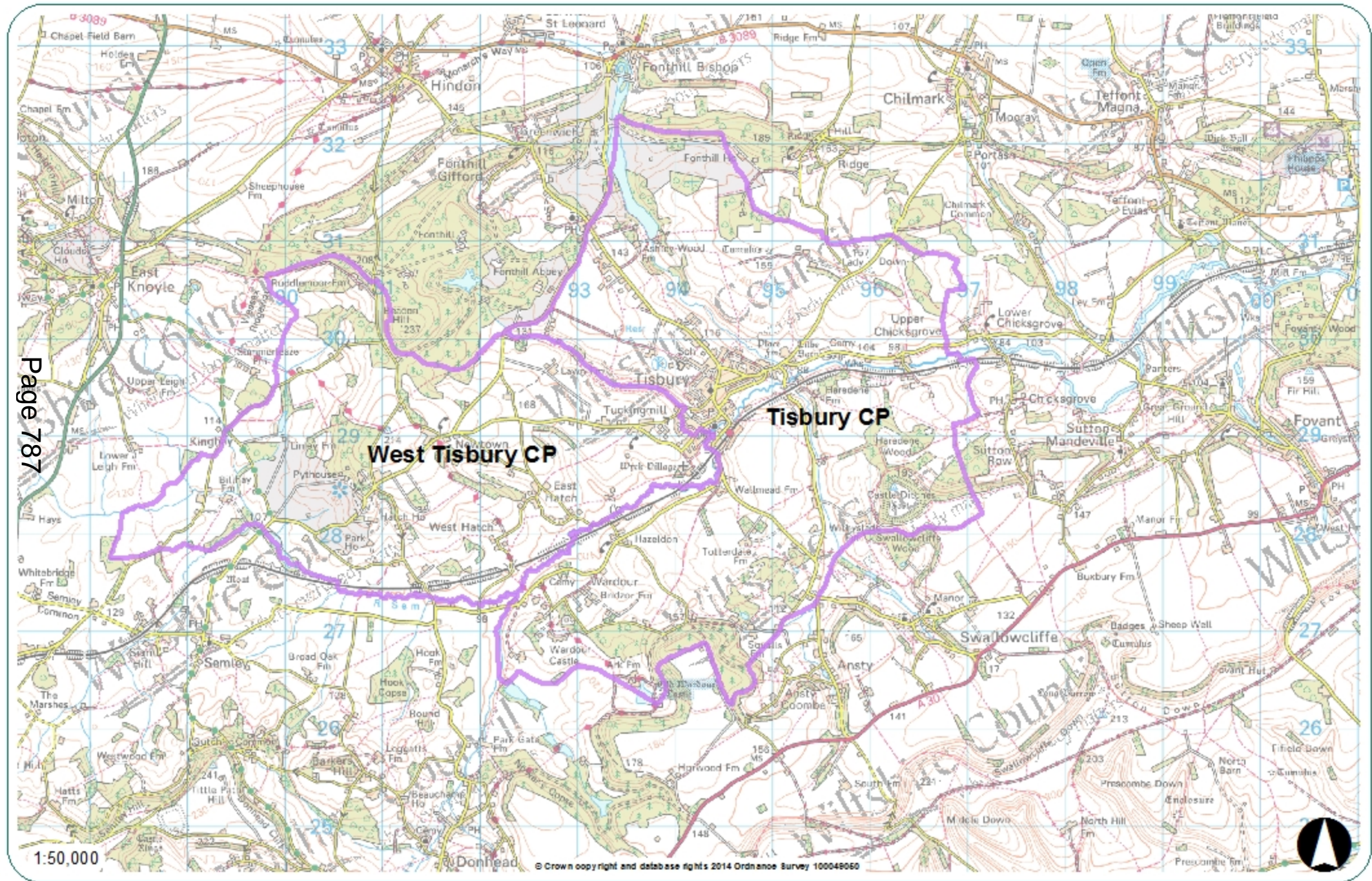
Maps

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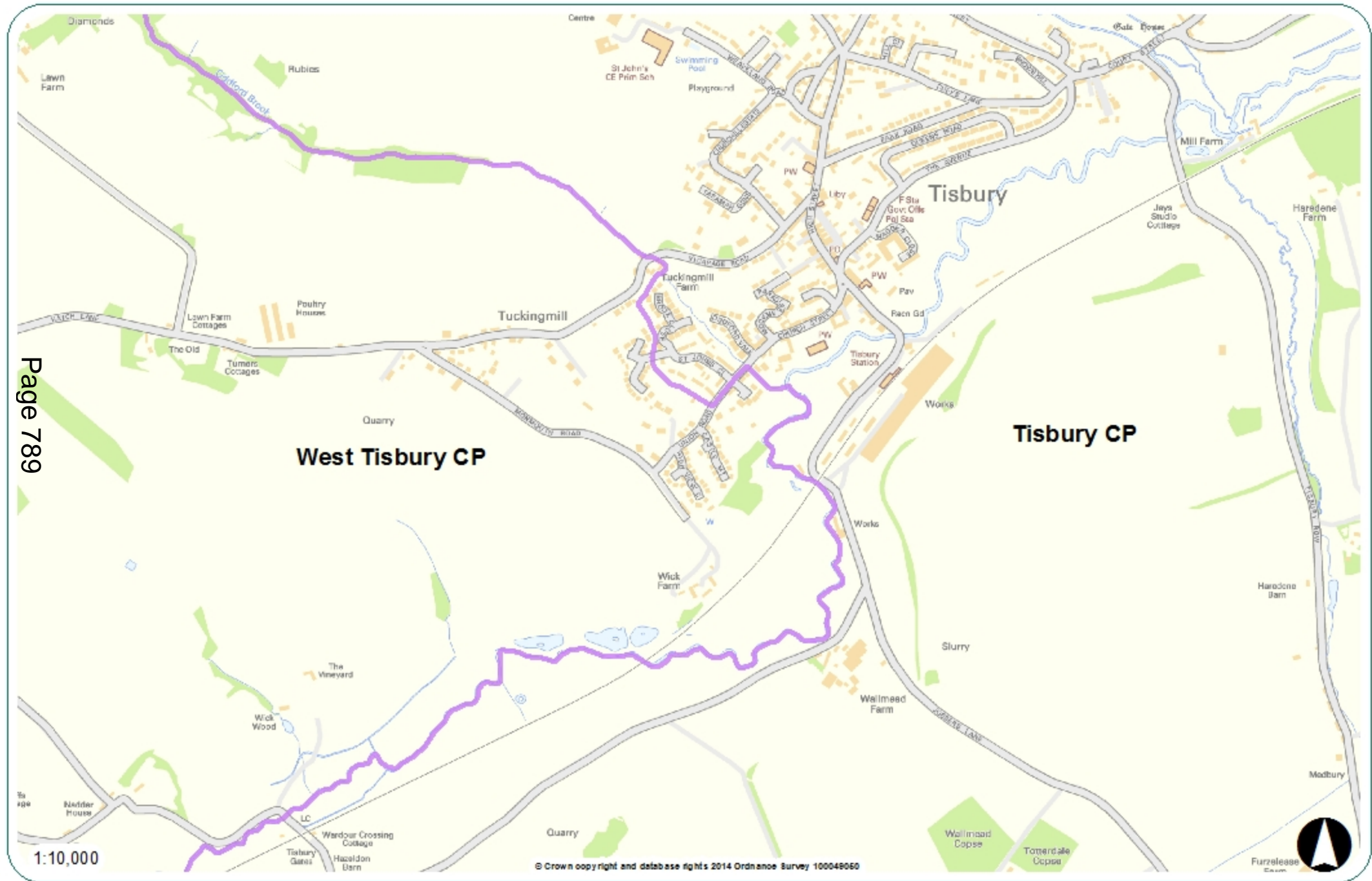
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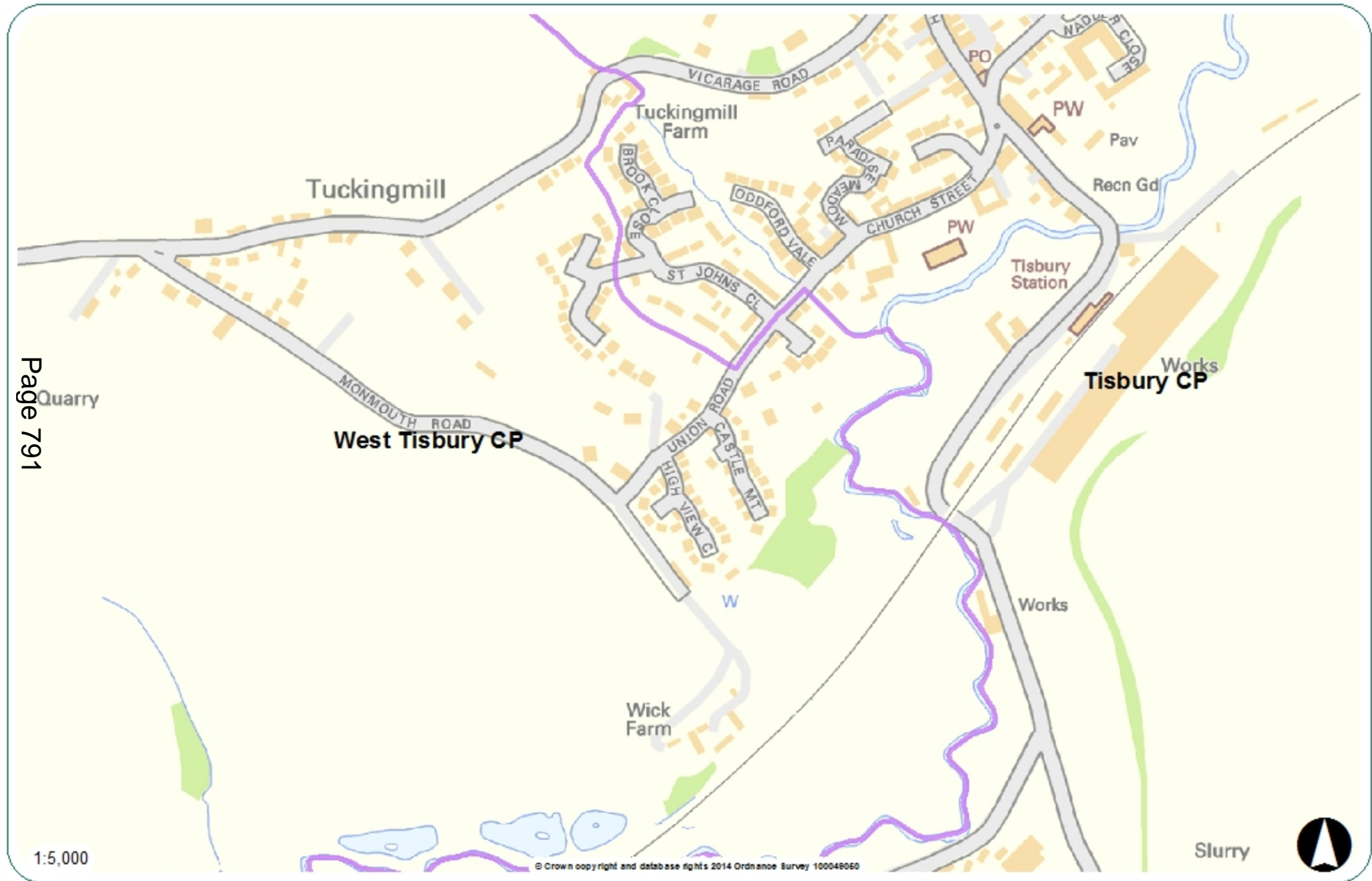
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